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we read  
ourselves

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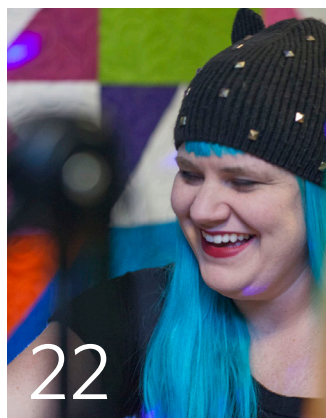
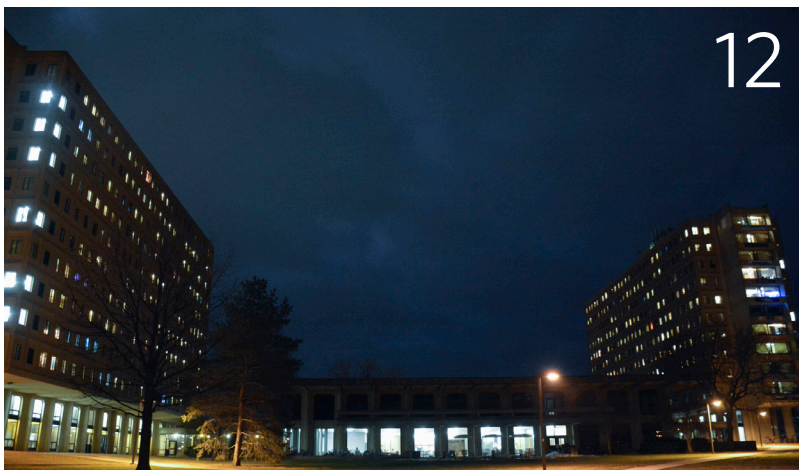
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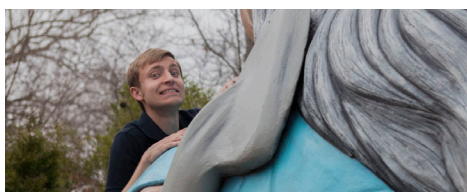
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



We hear it from our parents when we are in a rush to grow up. We hear it from older siblings after they've graduated college. We hear it from concerned strangers when we scarf down a cheeseburger in three bites. The frequent reminders to "stop and smell the roses," (or some variation of that phrase) can be annoying, but it's advice that rings true — especially here at Iowa State.

Sometimes these "roses" are right in front of our noses, but we're too entrenched in our daily routines to fully absorb them. Right here on campus, there are cool things going on every day. Cool things are going on on our way to class, in the basement of State Gym and even in the godforsaken Towers. We may see that they're happening, but decide to do homework (or nothing) instead, or say we'll go "next time." Sometimes it's more comfortable to stick with what we're used to and stay home eating animal crackers from the comfort of our beds — but there really are better things to do (I'm serious).

I'm here to tell you to get out there and do the things! We're only here for four years (or five, or six, or seven), so we may as well jam as much as we can into them and take advantage of all the great opportunities we have here while we can.

When it comes to smelling roses, Iowa State is a florist's shop on February 13. It may be making the most out of a less-than-ideal (perhaps even life-threatening) living situation, or diving into the weird world of improvisational comedy. You could take a whiff of Iowa State's prestigious lectures program — which brings roughly 120 notable speakers to campus each year — or KHOI radio, a local station made up of an amalgam of ages and personalities who all share the same passion. If you have mental health issues or addictions you need to deal with before fully enjoying your time here on campus, Iowa State's got you covered there, too.

Basically, there's a lot going on here, and I think you'll see that reflected in this issue

of Ethos. If you've been hankering for one, consolidated place where you can read about a French instructor who lived through a war along with horror stories from living in the dorms, you've come to the right place.

However you ended up at Iowa State, now's the time to make the most out of your adventure. Don't wait for "next time" or waste time complaining — enjoy whatever you have going on in your life and don't hesitate to go find new things. Feel free to use this magazine as a jumping-off point to grabbing life by the horns (not literally...we put too much work into this to have you step on it).

After all, our campus — overflowing with trees, flowers and sculptures — has consistently been named one of the most beautiful in the United States; that's a lot of roses to smell. ☺

Travis Schaefer